

Father, again in Jesus' Name we meet

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and bow in penitence beneath your feet;
again to you our feeble voices raise,
to sue for mercy, and to sing your praise.

O we would bless you for your ceaseless care,
and all your works from day to day declare;
is not our life with hourly mercies crowned?
does not your arm encircle us around?

alas, unworthy of your boundless love,
too oft with careless feet from you we rove;
but now, encouraged by your voice, we come,
returning sinners to a Father's home.

O by that Name in whom all fulness dwells,
O by that love which ev'ry love excels,
O by that blood so freely shed for sin,
open blest mercy's gate and take us in.

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Music: Penitentia, All Souls

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